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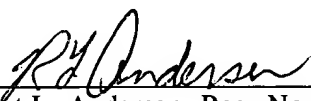
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S I R :

Responsive to the Office Action dated **July 17, 2001**, requiring an election from Groups I-IX, Applicants elect Group II, (Claims 2, 8-10 and 12). This election is made with traverse.

Respectfully Submitted,


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